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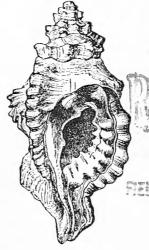
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In Memoriam

Ruth Sanborn Long March 16, 1988

Mom died after a short illness today. She will be buried in the Sanborn family plot within a few days, in Redlands, California. She is survived by two sons, Steven and Kevin, and one daughter, Susan. We all miss her very much.

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On the Tongan Reefs

Neiafu, Vava'u Island, Kingdom of Tonga. Bob Purtymun

021086 Dive #2; 18.41.4S 174.01.6W Scuba 3-20 feet. 125 minutes. In the channel between Mala and Kapa Islands. Near the small island in the center of the channel.

After lunch Popiano moved the skiff over to the western side of the outcropping of coral. It's really a little island as there were a few coconut palms and an assortment of tropical plants growing in the sparse soil that clung to the cracks and crevices above high tide line. In Hawaii I have seen the locals plant a banana plant on solid rock by throwing a shovel full of dirt on the roots and then covering this with rocks. Wind blown silt and dead vegetation will accumulate over and around the rocks to form a pocket of soil. The banana will thrive and produce fruit in about 18 to 24 months in areas on the islands where there is ample rainfall.

But, back to shelling. The bottom around the island was hard coral with scattered cracks and crevices filled with silty sand. There were numerous dead coral slabs and blocks. Some in large piles. Here and there we found live coral heads some in clumps of 4 or 5 species of coral, and 8 to 10 feet in diameter. The area was alive with long-spined black sea urchins, a fact that was brought painfully to my attention when I bumped my left knee

on one. The old jogging suit that I was wearing to protect me from the sharp coral was pinned neatly to my knee. After the dive was over I found that I had acquired 28 purplish tatoo marks. This was quite painful at first but after a couple of hours the pain subsided and the marks disappeared after a few days.

This dive did not produce any Conus floccatus, nor any thing very rare or valuable. I collected 32 species of gastropods and 4 species of bivalves. Most abundant were the cones with 8 species collected. My best find was a Tunis crispa crispa (Lamarck, 1816). W.O. Cernohorsky in Marine Shells of the Pacific, Volume II describes the habitat of this mollusc as follows. "The species is moderately common and extends westward from the Fiji Islands into the Indian Ocean." My shell is only 73 x 15mm and not as dark in color as the few others I have seen. However, it may be an eastward range extension.

Next month - Hurricane!!!

021086 Dive #2 18.41.4S X 174.01.6W Scuba, 125 minutes, 3 to 20 feet.

In the channel between Kapa and Nuku Islands. Out near the little island in the center of the channel. Hard coral bottom, cracks and crevices filled with silty sand. Numerous dead coral slabs and blocks, some live coral heads.

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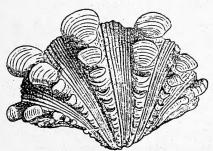
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GASTROPOD

- 1 Conus omaria #4414
- 1 C. sponsalis #4415
- 1 C. capitalis #4416
- 1 C. moreleti #7498
- 1 C. striatus #7158
- 1 C. mamoreus nn 2 C. flavidus nn
- 1 C. frigidus nn
- 1 Cypraea eglantina nn
- 1 C. helvola #4390
- 1 C. cameola #4389
- 1 Imbricaria vanikorensis #12253
- 4 Vexillum exasperatum #4412
- 1 V. cadaverosum #4411
- 2 V. pacificum #4410
- 2 Chicoreus rosarius nn 55x35mm & 68x44mm
- 1 Turris crispa nn 73x15mm
- 1 Peristernia incarnata #4394
- 3 P. ustulata #12750
- 2 ?Pseudostomatella sp. #4403
- 4 Euchelus atratus #4391
- 1 Melampus castaneus #4392
- 1 Cerithium nesioticum #4393
- 2 ?Certihium sp. #15011
- 3 Engina alveolata #4409
- 2 Pyrene deshayesii #4408
- 2 ?Pupa sp. #4407
- 2 Prodita iostomus #4406
- 1 Strombus rugosus #4405 (Juv.)
- 2 Maculotriton bracteatus #4404
- 1 Cymatium aquatilis nn
- 1 Bursa granularis #4413

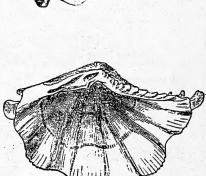
BIVALVE

- 3 Loconcha castrensis nn
- 6 Chlamys squamosa #4395-4400
- 1 Tridacna squamosa #4401 (very small)
- 1 bivaive sp. #4402



Tridacna squamosa (Lamarck).





Field Notes - S&SL 20(3):6.



Turbo & Modulus

In some areas at depths of 40 feet or more on Florida's Gulf Coast, the predominant algal coloring is pink, and in a sand/rubble area thewhole bottom can appear rosy. Many organisms are covered and thus colored by this algae, but several mollusks actually take on the ground color. Notable among them are *Modulus modulus* Linnæus, 1758 (which I was surprised to find at all at that depth), and *Turbo castanea* Gmelin, 1791. Both these species are commonly found in shallow bay grass beds and are usually brownish or greenish in such habitats. I have also found that *Turbo* tends to be more spinose in deeper water and smooth-shouldered in bays. — Peggy Williams, Rt. 3, Box 28, Sarasota, FL 33580

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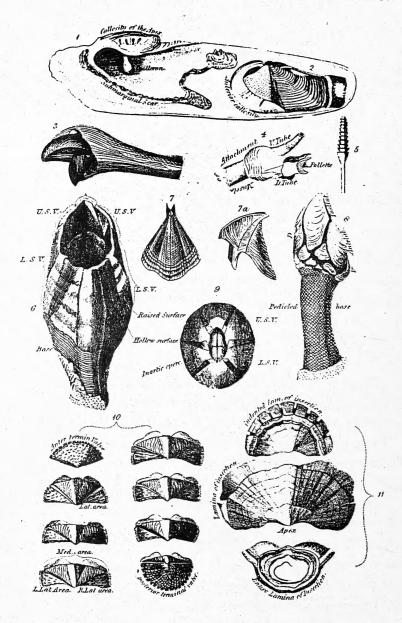
The figures of bivalve shells include,

- 1. Cytherea lutea (Venus chione, Lin.) in a normal or perpendicular position.
 - 2. Back view of the same in the same position.
- 3. Interior view of the right valve of the same, in the same position.
- 4. Exterior view of the left valve of the same, in the position of Linnæus and Lamarck.

The letters A and P in each figure indicate the anterior and posterior parts of the shell, L and R the left and right.

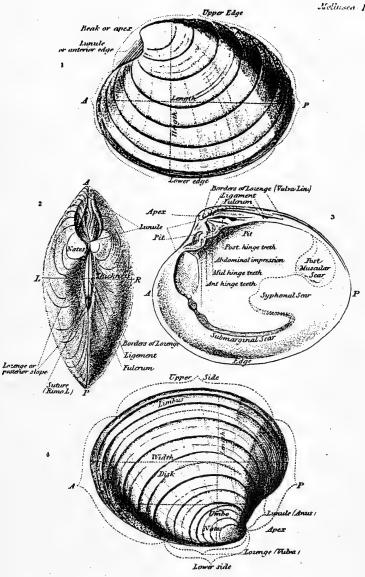
The figures of multivalve shells include,

- 1. Interior of the right valve of Pholas dactylus.
- 2. Left view of Pholadidoides Anglicanus.
- 3. Teredo nigra, De Blain., with a portion of the animal.
- 4. Posterior extremity of Teredo navalis.
- 5. Articulated palette of a Teredo.
- 6. Balanus (Lepas, Lin.) tintinnabulum. U.S. V. upper side valve, L.S. V. lower side valve.
 - 7. Operculum of Balanus squamosus.
- 8. Left view of *Polylepe vulgaris*, Blainv. D. back, or dorsal valve; V. belly, or ventral valve.
 - 9. Upper view of Lepas diadema.
 - 10. Valves of Chiton squamosus.
 - 11. Valves of Chiton raripilosus.



Multivalve Shells.

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Bivalve Shells.

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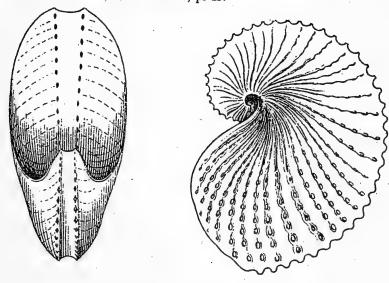
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Original Description S&SL 20(3):11.

Argonauta gracilis Kirk, 1884 Trans. N.Z. Inst. 17, Art. VII:58-60, pl 13.



ARCONAUTA CRACILIS, n.sp.

ART. VII.—Description of a new Species of Paper Nautilus (Argonauta gracilis). By T. W. Kirk.

[Read before the Wellington Philosophical Society, 9th July, 1884.]

Plate XIII.

That we have in New Zealand two species of the beautiful "Paper Nautilus," so called on account of the extreme delicacy of its shell, I have for some years felt sure; but although I have examined numerous specimens, I have not until lately been able to obtain a sufficiently good series of each form to justify the creation of a new species, and am now indebted to Mr. C. H. Robson of Te Mahia, who had himself noticed the difference, for the loan of several examples which supply the links required to render the evidence complete.

The larger series examined, the individuals of which range from $1\frac{1}{4}$ -9 inches across, undoubtedly belong to A. tuberculata, Shaw. The description given is defective, yet a comparison of the shell with drawings by Chenu, Reeve, and other authors, is conclusive.

I propose to amend the description as follows:—"Shell compressed, sides with transverse plications which are longitudinally tuberculiferous." Aperture nearly square posteriorly, margin much thickened, and the angles

Original Description S&SL 20(3):12.

produced outwards so as to form pointed wing-like processes, projecting beyond the sides of the shell. Keels two, with compressed tubercles, white, brown on the spire, where also the keel tubercles are blackish-brown.

What I now consider to be a new species is distinguishable from the foregoing at a glance. The whole shell has a more graceful and regular outline, and is much more fragile looking, the aperture is narrower and rounded, especially posteriorly, there is no sign whatever of wing-like expansions, indeed the sides have a graceful sweep where the angle occurs n A. tuberculata. The transverse processes are finer and more numerous, consequently the tubercles forming the keels are smaller, the space between the keels is much less.

Some of these differences have been noticed before, but were thought to be probably due to age; that such is not the case will be apparent to all who examine the specimens on the table.

A shell containing the animal having been sent to the Canterbury Museum by Mr. Robson, Dr. von. Haast very kindly granted the loan of them, and at once forwarded them for my examination.

The animal proves to belong to the same species as a specimen from the Chatham Islands, described by Professor Hutton on p. 2 of the Catalogue of Marine Möllusca (1873), under the name of A. tuberculata.

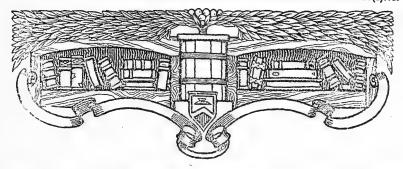
The specimen now under consideration was procured at Portland Island, is somewhat larger than the Chatham Island one, and shows some slight differences, but only such as are frequently found between members of the same species. Such being the case, I cannot do better than quote Professor Hutton's description.

"Animal.—Body oblong, rounded behind, smooth, spotted with violet: eyes large, prominent; siphuncle united to the base of the arms by a lateral membrane; arms tapering, except the dorsal pair, which are palmate at the end, these are the shortest, the next pair to them the longest, and the others graduated; the lowest pair are keeled on the outside; membrane small, all the arms equally webbed; cups large, less than their own diameter apart, in two rows, with a single row of rather small cups round the mouth."

To which he adds the following remark:—"As the shell of this animal was not obtained, I refer it doubtfully to this species, as it differs from Dr. Gray's description."

It is satisfactory that conclusive evidence is now forthcoming, and that this animal with its exquisitely beautiful shell is to enjoy specific distinction. I would therefore suggest for this latest addition to the fleet, the name of Aryonauta gracilis.

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on the DRIFTLINE ~ ~ SASL 20(3):14.

from Canada

Recently, there has been a great deal in the media about raising snalls commercially. The agriculture departments in Canada (Federal and Provincial) look upon snalls as agricultural pests and they are discouraging any interest in raising these.

I am trying to make contact with someone in the USA who can advise me regarding the commercial production of snalls and any information perlinent to production. — B.J. Bendl, M.D., 750 West Broadway, Suite 608, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5Z 1H5.

from Sacramento, CA

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Chris Kitting has moved from Texas, I believe back to Central California. Please send me a current address.

from Dubai

Hope you are all well and enjoying the summer season. [August 1987] All is well here and as the temperature has dropped from 46°C to 39°C with the effects of the cooling shamals (winds) and a dust-haze that has blotted out the glare of the sun for the past few days. I have been tempted out to the East coast at Fujainah. This has gained some publicity of late with the mine incidents. Hasn't stopped me shelling though and all in all life is as ever, if a little on the tense side.

You should have received a couple of articles that I put together along with some slides. I will put a few more together for you – just let me know. There are some interesting sites with a variety of marine life that is very poorly understood (not least of all by me!) A couple of good finds were a live Cypraea pulchra (the first one I have found here but not the first recorded) it lives under small branching coral heads. Along with C. arabica/grayana, C. nebrites, C. caurica (large darkform) C. gracilis, C. tindus, C. felina, C. fabula et al. Also a nice Homalocantha anatomica (rare here) and asyet unidentified Mitra (I think the 3rd one that I cannot seem to put a name to since I arrived.)

We had a short holiday in the Maldives which was strictly for diving/photography. Did not collect much in the way of shells as they are quite hot on the conservation of resources. I did however get a lot of photographs of marine life. Some turned out very well and should you want some together with a few tips on holidays there as well as what the underwater world holds in store for the interested adventurer, I will gladly oblige. —A.J. "Tony" Woodward, Al Habloor Motors, PO Box 9879, Dubai, U.A.E.

from New Zealand

While in Fiji I prepared a couple of check-lists of the shells of Rotuma Is, and the Lau Group for the Fiji Museum. Because of the coup there, this institution has been forced to hait its publishing programme so I wondered if you might be interested in these. Illustrations for these can be provided. My book on the shells of Fiji, Samoa & Tonga is at the publishers. Will let you know when it is due out. — Brian Parkinson, 244 Hillsborough Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland 4. New Zealand.

In Memoriam

Lois Rehder, February, 1988. Wife of Dr. Harald Rehder and a strong supporter of malacology.

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Dr. William K. Emerson, Curator of Molluscs, Department of Invertebrates, American Museum of Natural History, has been elected a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences. Last June, the AMU elected him as an Honorary Life Member of the American Malacological Union.

from Seattle, WA

Ron Shimek, 11248 Military Road South, Seattle, WA 98168, (206) 243-8354. Just a short note saying I appreciated gettling a copy of the Opisthobranch the other day. I suppose scaphopods, my major interest of late, don't qualify for newsy items in a newsletter of such title, but they really don't fit elsewhere either. Anyway, my first article on scaphs will be out in the January Veliger. Will send you a reprint whenever they arrive, hope that qualifies me for continued mailings.

I am editor of the Scaphopod chapter in the upcoming multivolume treatise, "Microscopic Anatomy of the invertebrates," and this along with the rest of my work on scaphs from Bamfield is keeping me pretty busy. Have been unable to do as much as rapidly as I want on either my science or my photography, but such is life I guess.

Volunteer Divers Needed S&SL 20(3):15.

An underwater archaeology expedition to Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River is seeking volunteer scuba divers in the summer of 1988. Divers will search for trade items lost during transactions by the Hudson's Bay Company.

Historians and archaeologists often jokingly refer to the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) as "Here Before God." And, in reality, the Hudson's Bay



Company organization was an integral part of the Euro-American expansion into the west. While expanding their own financial capabilities, the Company provided safe hostelry to travelers, as well as the only source of supplies to settlers in the region, located in what is now Washington State (at its border with Oregon). Bricks, tableware, dry goods -- so much of what homesteaders needed -- could be obtained at Fort Vancouver.

Many of the items supplied by the Fort can be identified through artifacts that have been archaeologically excavated from the interior stockade area. They are the remains of what was left behind by settlers, and don't give a clear picture of everything the HBC provided.

The dock area below the Fort, however, was the Columbia River entrance onto North American soil for almost everything that was supplied by the HBC during its first year of occupation at this location. Many of the artifacts from this underwater archaeological site remain whole, in contrast to the artifacts excavated onshore. Product containers dropped overboard from boats or off the dock itself can be salvaged more than a century later with their contents still intact.

During World War I, a much larger wharf was built over the area once used by the HBC. The foundation of this twentieth century structure acted to protect the early nineteenth century artifacts from the current of the Columbia River.

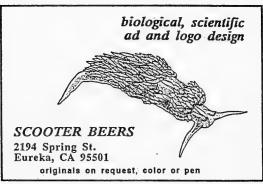
In the summer of 1987, the area surrounding the Hudson's Bay dock location was explored by divers. At the conclusion of their diving season, many artifacts dating from World War I had been recovered, and the first indications of an HBC stratum had just been found.

Because the docking area used from 1829-1860 has now been exposed, the risk to the integrity of this stratum has multiplied significantly. A Foundation for Field Research team will help preserve the archaeological record by remapping the area after winter storms pass, collect artifacts by units, and initiate museum accessioning through both field and museum laboratory methods. These artifacts, after proper cataloguing, will help to expand the understanding of the position of the Hudson's Bay Company in the history of the Northwest.

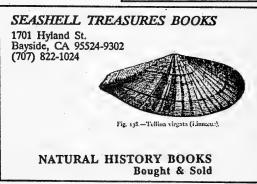
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Expedition members must be certified scuba divers in order to recover artifacts from the underwater dock site. A grid system will be placed over the underwater site, and an airlift will be used to bring up the artifacts and soil to a recovery net floating on the surface. Recording techniques will be exacting, and may allow for only one dive per day, although two dives may be possible at times. A safety diver will be above water at all times.

Volunteers are needed June 25-July 9, 1988 to work with an archaeologist on the dock area off Fort Vancouver. Each team member's tax-deductible share of the project's cost is \$1100, which covers meals, lodging, equipment, and diving expenses. Additional information is available by calling (619) 445-9264, or writing: Foundation for Field Research, 787 S. Grade Rd., Alpine, CA 92001.







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Prices given for Shells. - Very high prices have occasionally been given for individual specimens, particularly about thirty or forty years ago, when the mania for collecting was at its height. In those days certain families, such as the Volutidae, Conidae, and Cypraeidae, were the especial objects of a collector's ardour, and he spared no expense to make his set of the favourite genus as complete as possible. Thus at Stevens' auction-rooms in Covent Garden, on 21st July 1854, one specimen of Conus cedo nulli fetched £9: 10s., and another £16, a C. omaicus 16 guineas, C. victor £10, and C. gloria maris, the greatest prize of all, £43: 1s. At the Vernède sale, on 14th Dec. 1859 two Conus omaicus fetched £15 and £22, and a C. gloria maris £34. At the great Dennison sale, in April 1865, the Conidae fetched extravagant prices, six specimens averaging over £20 apiece. Conus cedo nulli went for £18 and £22, C. omaicus for £12, C. malaccanus for 10 guineas (this and one of the cedo nulli being the actual specimens figured in Reeve's Conchologia Iconica), C. cervus for £19 and C. gloria maris for £42. On 9th May 1866 a Cypraea Broderipii was sold at Stevens' auctionrooms for £13, and at the Dennison sale a Cypraea princeps fetched £40, and C. guttata £42. The Volutidae, although not quite touching these prices, have yet done fairly well. Mr. Dennison's Voluta fusiformis sold for £6: 15s., V. papillaris for £5, V. cymbiola for £5:15s., V. reticulata for eight guineas, and two specimens of the rarest of all Volutas, V. festiva, for £14 and £16, both being figured in the Conchologia. At the same sale, two unique specimens of Oniscia Dennisoni fetched £17 and £18 respectively, and, at the Vernède sale, Ancillaria Vernèdei was bought for £6: 10s., and Voluta piperata for £7:10s.

A unique specimen of a recent *Pleurotomaria* (quoyana F. and B.) was purchased by Miss de Burgh in 1873 for 25 guineas, and another species of the same genus (adansoniana Cr. and F.), of extraordinary size and beauty, is now offered for sale for about £100.

Bivalves have never fetched quite such high prices as univalves, but some of the favourite and showy genera have gone near to rival them. On 22nd June 1869, at Stevens', Pecten solaris fetched £4:5s., P. Reevii £4:8s., and Cardita varia 5 guineas. Mr. Dennison's specimens of Pecten subnodosus sold for £7, of Corbula Sowerbyi for £10, of Pholadomya candida for £8 and £13, while at the Vernède sale a Chama damicornis fetched £7.

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AAPG & SEPM Annual Meetings, March 20-23, Houston, TX.

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APRIL

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St. Louis Shell Show, April 22-24, St. Louis, MO. Contact: George Karleskint, 2007 S. Compton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104, (314) 865-0556.

M.A.P.S. (Mid-American Paleontology Society) - National Fossil Exposition X, April 22-24, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL. Contact: Gilbert Norris, 2623 34th Ave., Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201. (309) 786-6505.

Long Island Shell Show, April 29 - May 1, Freeport, NY. Contact: John & Vi Greenlaw, 5 Etna Lane, Dix Hills, NY 11746, (516) 421-5235.

MAY

Geological Association of Canada, Mineralogical Association of Canada, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists-Joint Annual Meeting, May 22-25, St. Johns, Newfoundland. Contact: John Fleming, PO Box 13577, Postal Station A, St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada A1B 4B8 or phone 709-576-2768.

JUNE

American Malacological Union Annual Meeting, June 19-24, Charleston, SC. Radisson Francis Marion Hotel. Symposia: "Applications of Nucleic Acid Techniques to Molluscan Systematics," "Systematics and Evolution of Non-marine Mollusks" and "History of Malacology." Contact: Richard E. Petit, PO. Box 30, N. Myrtie Beach, SC 29582, (803) 249-1651.

Salon International du Coquillage, normally 3rd week in June.

JULY

Conchologists of America, July 11-15. Hosted by the Southwest Florida Conchological Society at the Sheraton Harbor Place, Fort Myers, Florida. Gene Herbert & Al Bridell, General Convention Co-Chairmen. Contact: Phyllis & Bernard Pipher, 1116 N Street, Tekamah, NE 68061.

Western Society of Malacologists 21st Annual Meeting, July 17-21, Sonoma State University. Contact: M.J. James, Dept. of Geology, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928, (707) 664-2301 of 664-2334.

AUGUST

Palaeontological Association, Geological Society of London & International Commission on the Lithosphere. Paleozolc Biogeography and Paleogeography. August 14-19, 1988. Oxford, England. Contact: Christopher R. Scolese, 4425 Betty Street, Bellaire, TX 77401 (713) 663-2688 or W. S. McKerrow, Dept. Earth Science, Parks Road, Oxford, England OX1 3PR (0865) 272000.

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Canadian Paleontology & Biostratigraphy Seminar, September 23-25, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Contact: R.J. Elias, Dept. Geological Sciences, University of Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2.

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Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting, October 30 - November 3, Denver, CO. Contact: Abstracts Coordinator, 3300 Penrose Place, PO Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301.

NOVEMBER

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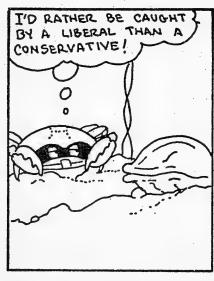
Western Society of Naturalists, Annual Meeting, normally last week in December. Details later.

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MARCH

The Murchison Symposium, an International Symposium on the Silurian System, March 28-April 9. University of Keele, U.K. Contact: M.G. Bassette, Dept. of Geology, National Museum of Wales, Cardiff CF1 3NP, U.K., phone 0222-397951.

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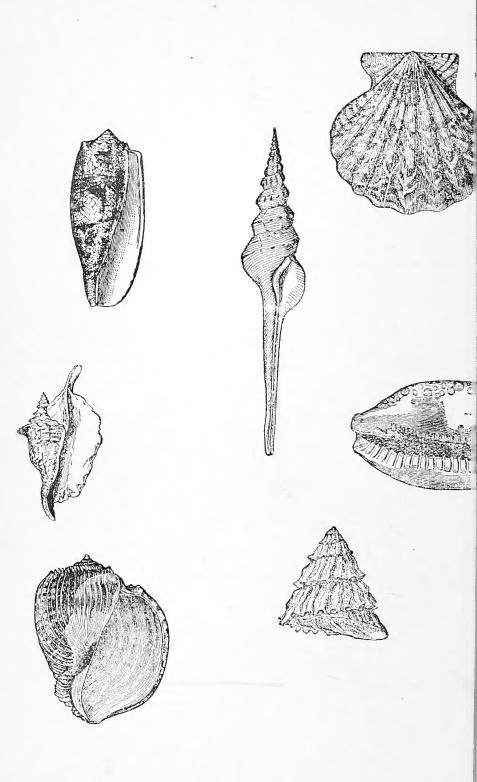
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